



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yutaka OZAWA

Group Art Unit: 2677

Application No.: 10/083,145

Examiner: L. SHAPIRO

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Docket No.: 111773

For: METHOD OF DRIVING DISPLAY ELEMENTS AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS
USING THE DRIVING METHOD

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant's representative conducted a personal interview with Examiner L. Shapiro on March 31, 2006. Applicant's separate record of a summary of the substance of the interview is contained in the following remarks.

Applicant's representative reviewed, with Examiner Shapiro, the amendments to claims 1 and 10 made in the Amendment, filed with a Request for Continued Examination on March 16, 2006. Specifically, Applicant's representative pointed out to the Examiner features that distinguish the subject matter of the pending claim over U.S. Patent No. 5,867,140 to Rader.

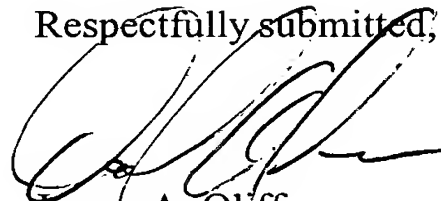
With reference to col. 7, line 20 - col. 8, line 32, Applicant's representative noted that Rader teaches scanning signals, to include a pixel off code being scanned over the unused portion of the display to assure that the unused portion remains blank in the partial display mode of Rader. As such, Applicant's representative argued that a feature of a first supply step

of supplying the scanning signal to certain scanning lines of the plurality of scanning lines and not to other scanning lines of the plurality of scanning lines in the partial display mode cannot reasonably be considered to be taught, nor to have been suggested, by Rader based on the above disclosures from Rader.

Examiner Shapiro indicated that he better understood the subject matter of the pending claims based on the arguments present by Applicant's representative. The Examiner indicated that he would conduct a further search in consideration of the clarification provided by the amendments to the independent claims, and the arguments traversing the prior art rejections of the Office Action presented by Applicant's representative during the personal interview.

Should any questions arise regarding this correspondence, inquiries may be directed to Applicant's representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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